

Lindfield Parish Council Climate Change Action Plan

1. What is Climate Change?

Met Office: Climate change is the long-term shift in average weather patterns across the world. Since the mid-1800s, humans have contributed to the release of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the air. This causes global temperatures to rise, resulting in long-term changes to the climate.

2. Why have a Climate Change Action Plan?

Demonstrate the Council's commitment to help itself, and the Lindfield community tackle climate change on a local level.

3. What can be done

- 3.1 Council This Parish Council can develop and improve its own performance to reduce environmental impacts through procurement as well as the management of its own assets. Activities include but are not restricted to: energy efficiency and carbon reduction; procurement of materials, improving waste minimisation; conserving and reducing water use in the Council's buildings. The Council can seek to influence key local stakeholders including both Mid Sussex District Council and West Sussex County Council. The Council will also offer training to staff and Councillors on Climate Change.

We will work with others at local, regional and national level as appropriate to contribute to minimising climate change.

- 3.2 Community This focuses on the environmental impacts in the village which the Parish Council can reasonably be expected to help address by raising awareness of key sustainability-related issues and working with others in the community.

4. What is the current situation locally?

- 4.1 Local Authorities Briefly summarise tiers of local authority.

- 4.1.1 County Waste & recycling facilities, planning consultee (limited scope), highways, education facilities.
- 4.1.2 District Waste & recycling collection, food waste trial, open spaces, planning authority, sustainability strategy 2018-23.
- 4.1.3 Parish LED lighting, open spaces, planning consultee, climate change policy & working group.

5. Vision and Objectives

5.1 Information sharing:

Vision: For Lindfield Parish Council to work with others in the village and beyond including local groups, businesses, and councils.

1. The Lindfield Parish Council Climate Change Action Plan will be regularly reviewed by the climate change working group and formally presented to E&A Committee.
2. Articles will be published in Lindfield Life to inform residents and local businesses of progress with actions identified in the Climate Change Action Plan.
Articles will be published at regular intervals throughout the year with no fewer than three per year.
3. Information to be provided on the Climate Change section on the LPC website and social media.
There will be ongoing development of the climate action section on the LPC website and social media.
4. LPC will develop links with local councils to find ways of working together to combat climate change.
This will include sharing good practices and developing new ideas.

The Council has taken part in two meetings of the planned local council climate network. This item will be considered further after the local elections on 4 May 23.

5.2 **Planning and Housing:**

Vision: LPC will engage with developers to promote developments which reflect the diverse needs of the local community while at the same time being in line with the need for net zero carbon outcomes.

LPC will consider whether to adopt a policy requesting that applicants replace trees that are removed.

5.3 **Procurement:**

Vision: LPC will encourage non-council suppliers of equipment and services to provide services and products that are net zero carbon. LPC will seek to reduce its climate impact.

1. When looking to renew contracts, recognising the volatility of the energy market, LPC will seek to procure electricity supply from only carbon-neutral suppliers.
2. LPC will seek to improve the climate footprint of its buildings. This will involve improving the energy performance of buildings. LPC has identified installing solar panels on its office building as a future objective and this has been added to the list of future projects.
3. Investigate the installation of solar panels on LPC buildings (Action Plan 2022-27 – medium-term objective)

5.4 **Climate and the Environment:**

Vision: LPC will use its responsibility as a trusted voice in the community to be an agent for change in order to encourage the community to make changes that will benefit the climate and the environment.

1. Maintain a management plan for the Wilderness Field.
2. To promote wildlife on the Wilderness Field. Raise community awareness of the Wilderness Field and climate change projects. Flower & fauna survey of the Wilderness Field (Action Plan 2022-27 – medium-term objective)
3. Undertake activity in support of the council's climate change policy.
4. To work with residents and local community groups to promote actions aimed at improving the environment. LPC will continue to arrange and meet with interested individuals/groups to discuss how we can work together to improve the environment of the village.
5. Monitoring pollution levels in the village using the volatile organic compounds device. The device collects data and the data is uploaded onto a map. Worldwide volatile organic compounds levels can be viewed online using the following: <https://map.atmotube.com/en/>
6. Promote sustainable management of the Denmans Lane allotments.
7. Promote sustainable gardening practices. LPC is a stakeholder in the Greener Lindfield initiative.

5.5 **Recycling:**

Vision: LPC will work with the community and local authorities to support recycling, re-use and repair.

1. In conjunction with the local Volunteer Waste Prevention Advisor for West Sussex County Council, LPC will work with residents and local businesses to address litter in the village. This will be achieved through the Keep Lindfield Tidy campaign. This has and will continue, via education, to promote taking rubbish home and where possible recycling.

2. Lindfield Repair Café – LPC will continue to promote the work of Lindfield Repair Café in preventing items from being disposed of when they can be repaired.

5.6 **Food:**

Vision: LPC will work with the community and local authorities to support schemes food waste collection schemes.

5.7 **Community engagement – Business:**

Vision: LPC will engage with local businesses to support them to adopt measures which will be environmentally sustainable. This will include working with businesses on the High Street.

1. Climate Change Award Scheme – Promote & recognise good environmental practices of local businesses.

5.8 **Community engagement – Residents:**

Vision: LPC will engage with residents to support them to make changes in their behaviours towards the goal to become carbon neutral. Promote the carbon impact tool to allow residents to see the community's carbon footprint: <https://impact-tool.org.uk/footprint/footprint?regionId=E04009991&geography=parish&footprintType=consumption&scale=per-household>

The data in the tool has been compiled from over 30 datasets by researchers at the Centre for Sustainable Energy and the University of Exeter's Centre for Energy and the Environment.

5.9 **Work and Leisure:**

Vision: LPC will promote leisure activities for residents and visitors that encourage carbon-neutral activities e.g. walking and cycling.

6 Plan 2022-27

- 6.1 LPC has produced a draft Plan 2022-27. The Plan includes the following aim & supporting objectives:

Environment and sustainability - Recognise the threat of climate change and help the community tackle the environmental emergency at a local level.

Term	Objectives
Ongoing	<p>Continue to promote and achieve the aims and objectives of the council's climate policy.</p> <p>Publish regular updates on LPC activities relating to Climate Change (in Lindfield Life and online).</p> <p>Share information with the community relating to local and national environment initiatives.</p> <p>Maintain Management Plan for Wilderness Field that promotes wildflower and ecosystem.</p>
Short	<p>Minimise green waste miles by installing hotbin composter(s) to process waste produced by Village Orderly clearance.</p>
Medium	<p>Investigate the installation of solar panels on LPC buildings.</p> <p>Work with local schools to assist in designing messaging for environmental campaigns.</p> <p>Flower & fauna survey of the Wilderness Field.</p> <p>Consider free water refill provisions within the village.</p>
Long	<p>Ensure that LPC provides input into long-term MSDC & WSCC Climate Change policy documents.</p>

7 Budget requirements:

7.1 2020-21

Expenditure: £558.18

Date	Description	£
17/08/2020	5 Bee Homes/4 Apex Nest Boxes	154.09
20/10/2020	Bee Homes & Bat Boxes	204.09
23/10/2020	Lindfield Life Climate Update	100.00
24/12/2020	Lindfield Life Climate Update	100.00

7.2 2021-22

Expenditure £743.29

Date	Description	£
17/05/2021	Climate Change Award Scheme: Window Stickers	21.78
03/09/2021	Wildflower Seeds: Village Day	84.00
05/09/2021	Wildflower Seeds: Village Day	15.72
30/11/2021	RSPB Hedgehog Boxes x 4	183.33
24/12/2021	Room Hire: Meeting 23 Nov 2021	16.05
14/02/2022	Atmotube Pro Portable Air Quality Monitor	290.83
18/03/2022	Room Hire: Meeting 18 Jan 2022	11.10
18/03/2022	Room Hire: Meeting 15 Feb 2022	11.10
18/03/2022	Room Hire: Meeting 22 Mar 2022	11.10
28/03/2022	Wildflower Seeds: Platinum Jubilee Mix	98.28

7.3 2022-23

Expenditure £391 Budget of £2,000.00.

Date	Description	£
01/04/22	Wildflower Seeds – Village Day	98.28
09/05/22	Wildflower Seeds – Village Day	99.45
04/09/22	Room Hire – Greener Lindfield	22.20
11/11/22	2x English Oak Trees for the Wilderness Field	154.07
10/12/12	Room Hire – Greener Lindfield	16.65

To be continuously updated with any expenditure.

7.4 2023-24

7.5 2024 onwards

8 **Monitoring:**

Ongoing monitoring by the climate change working group, in conjunction with the Parish Clerk. Regular reporting to the Environment and Amenities Committee and Full Council.

9 **Document review date:**

This is a live document and is subject to ongoing review and updating. Formally reviewed by council annually.

10 **Appendices**

Appendix 1 Completed Actions

Appendix 2 Actions for future consideration

Last updated: February 2023